

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL Scrutiny Report Template

Committee:	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Date:	10 th November 2020
Subject:	North Wales Regional Partnership Board Annual Report
Purpose of Report:	Yearly Update
Scrutiny Chair:	Cllr. Gwilym O Jones
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1 - Recommendation/s

That the Committee confirms that it has read, understood and taken into account the work that is required to be undertaken by the Regional Partnership Board.

That the Committee notes the work and progress in 2019-20 on the work areas that are being taken forward regionally through the North Wales Regional Partnership Board.

2 – Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities

Working in partnership across health and social care services will help support resilient communities and also ensure a seamless service for individuals that require care and support.

3 – Guiding Principles for Scrutiny Members

To assist Members when scrutinising the topic:-

3.1 Impact the matter has on individuals and communities **[focus on customer/citizen]**

3.2 A look at the efficiency & effectiveness of any proposed change – both financially and in terms of quality **[focus on value]**

3.3 A look at any risks **[focus on risk]**

3.4 Scrutiny taking a performance monitoring or quality assurance role **[focus on performance & quality]**

3.5 Looking at plans and proposals from a perspective of:

- Long term
- Prevention
- Integration
- Collaboration
- Involvement

[focus on wellbeing]

4 - Key Scrutiny Questions

1. To what extent does the work of the partnership contribute successfully towards achieving the principles of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 on the Island?
2. How has the membership of the Board changed since the introduction of the updated Part 9 Statutory Guidance in January 2019, and what additional value has this created regionally and locally?
3. To what extent is the pooled budget arrangement adequately robust for the provision of Care Homes across the region, and is it effectively managed?
4. What impact has the implementation of the 4 transformational programmes for 'A Healthier Wales' had on the services provided to Anglesey's residents, and in which ways do they respond successfully to their needs and add value?
5. What structures are in place to manage and monitor the work of the Partnership, regionally and locally, and what mitigation measures are implemented in order to deal with any possible risks faced?
6. In which ways will the work programmes of the Regional Partnership Board need to be amended and prioritised as a result of Covid 19, and what role will it play during the recovery period?

5 – Background / Context

The Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 requires that each Regional Partnership Board produces and publishes an annual report on its work and submits this to Welsh Government.

Welsh Government issues guidance on the completion of the Annual report on an annual basis. The Regional Partnership Board Annual report therefore addresses the information required by the Welsh Government. Additional information on the work of the Board is available at www.northwalescollaborative.wales. The North Wales Regional Partnership Board report is written in a format that captures all information required. The report also includes information from case studies collected funding awarded to the Board during 2019-20.

The Regional Partnership Board is the Board which has been set up to meet the requirements of Part 9 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014. The Act requires that local authorities make arrangements to promote co-operation with their relevant partners and others, in relation to adults with needs for care and support, carers and children. It places a duty on relevant partners to co-operate with, and provide information to, the local authorities for the purposes of their social services functions.

Part 9 of the Act also provides for partnership arrangements between local authorities and Local Health Boards for the discharge of their functions. The Act also provides Welsh Government Ministers with regulation making powers in relation to formal partnership arrangements, resources for partnership arrangements (including pooled funds) and partnership boards.

The purpose of Part 9 of the Act is to improve outcomes and well-being of people, as well as improving the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery. The key aims of co-operation, partnership and integration can therefore be described as:

- To improve care and support, ensuring people have more say and control
- To improve outcomes and health and wellbeing
- Provide co-ordinated, person centred care and support
- Make more effective use of resources, skills and expertise.

The purpose of the Annual report is to set out the progress that Regional Partnership Boards have made and reflects on how board are achieving the principles of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014.

Welsh Government has issued updated Part 9 Statutory Guidance in January 2020 and the North Wales Regional Partnership Board is working in line with this Guidance. The main changes relate to additional membership, additional focus on outcomes for children and young people and further focus on integration of services.

6 – Equality Impact Assessment [including impacts on the Welsh Language]

No regional EIA has been carried out for the RPB.

7 – Financial Implications

The 6 Local Authorities in North Wales pool funding to support regional working across the Region, this is used to pay for staff to deliver on its work and also to fund the meetings. In 2019-20, through the award of partnership funds and grants to the Board, it has been possible to fund some activities of the Board and additional members of staff to manage the work streams of the Board utilising this funding.

Welsh Government is awarding regional grant funding streams via the Regional Partnership Boards e.g. the Integrated Care Fund, Delivering Transformation grants. Partners agree the use of the grants and agree jointly on regional people capacity required to deliver its programmes.

8 – Appendices:

Attachment 1- Annual Report

9 - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):

No further background papers